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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 26, 2002.

It is respectfully requested that the following Response be entered in the Official record.

Remarks:

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

Applicants elect without traverse claims 1-19 and 22-25 drawn to a method of determining susceptibility of developing a chronic ulcer, severity of a chronic ulster, or healing response in a chronic ulcer by detecting a polymorphism in a gene that encodes an inflammatory cytokine.

Respectfully submitted,

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